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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF VARIOUS ITEMS IN BERLIN PRISON CELLS
OF TERRORIST PRISONERS

REF: DUSSELDORF 1696

SUMMARY: BERLIN DAILIES REPORTED TODAY THAT 18 OCTOBER SEARCH
OF TERRORISTS CELLS IN BERLIN PRISONS RESULTED IN SEIZURE OF
VARIOUS UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS, INCLUDING TRANSISTOR-RADIO RECEIVER.
WE WILL ASK FOR REPORT FROM SENAT. END SUMMARY.

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1. ON 28 OCTOBER, TAGESSPIEGEL AND BERLINER MORGENPOST REPORTED
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THAT VARIOUS ITEMS WERE FOUND IN BERLIN PRISONS AS A RESULT OF
A SEARCH CONDUCTED ON OCTOBER 18, 1977. (THIS WAS DURING THE TIME
THAT THE CONTACT BAN WAS STILL IN EFFECT). AMONG THE ITEMS
FOUND IN THE CELL OF WOLFGANG WESSLAU, PRISONER AFFECTED BY THE
CONTACT BAN, WAS A TRANSISTOR RADIO AND RECENT ISSUE OF A BERLIN
NEWSPAPER. IN THE CELLS OF TWO PRISONERS SUSPECTED OF BEING
INVOLVED IN THE LORENZ KIDNAPPING (ANDREAS VOGEL AND TILL MEYER)

A SCREWDRIVER WITH A VOLTMETER AND A POT WITH PEPPER WERE HIDDEN. HORST MAHLER HAD AN IMMERSION HEATER AND A LEFTISH RADICAL PAPER IN HIS CELL. THE MOST SPECTACULAR DISCOVERY, HOWEVER, WAS MADE IN THE EMPTY CELL FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY HEINRICH JANSEN, (REFERRED TO IN REFTEL) A TERRORIST TRANSFERRED TO THE FRG IN 1976. IN THAT CELL A TOTAL OF 12 CARTRIDGES (7.65 MM CALIBER) WERE FOUND IN TWO PLACES, A HOLLOW SPACE UNDERNEATH THE HAND-BASIN AND A HOLLOW BEDPOST.

2. BERLIN SENATOR FOR JUSTICE BAUMANN REVEALED ALL THIS ONLY ON DIRECT QUESTIONING BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN YESTERDAY'S (27 OCTOBER) SESSION. BAUMANN STATED THAT THE CARTRIDGES WERE FOUND AS A RESULT OF A TIP OF A PRISONER NOT BELONGING TO THE TERRORIST SCENE WHO WANTED TO BLACKMAIL THE PRISON AUTHORITIES BY CLAIMING "HE COULD TELL THEM MORE" IF HE WERE GIVEN PAROLE. BAUMANN SAID IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE CELLS ARE BEING SEARCHED NOW EVERY SECOND DAY AND MOREOVER THE BERLIN AUTHORITIES HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN TAKING CARE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS. BERLINER MORGENPOST ALSO REPORTED THAT WINDOWS OF 19 PRISONERS CONSIDERED TO BE TERRORISTS WILL BE FURNISHED WITH SPECIAL DEVICES TO PREVENT THE TRANSPORT OF ITEMS FROM WINDOW-TO-WINDOW.

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3. BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE FOREGOING TO SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER OF BERLIN, USBER WILL REQUEST BRITISH AS CURRENT ALLIED CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST SENAT PROVIDE FULL REPORT OF MATTER, INCLUDING REPORT OF CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED.

4. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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